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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 23, 2006, in which all pending claims 1-24 were subject to restriction. In particular, the position was taken that the application includes claims directed to two distinct inventions: Group I, claims 1-18, drawn to a method of applying a cardiac support device to a heart, and Group II, claims 19-24, drawn to a device for placing a cardiac support jacket onto a heart.

By this response, the Applicant elects to prosecute method claims 1-18 in this application. This election is made without traverse.

Examination of the application is requested. No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this response. Should an extension of time, or any fee be required, the applicant requests that this action be undertaken and our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 be charged for the fee.

Respectfully Submitted,

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